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SUBJECT: CONTINUING EFFORTS TO LOBBY ON KOREAN ISSUE WITH UAE
PRIOR TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

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1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ODAKA, CLEARLY ACTING UNDER URGENT INSTRUCTIONS, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AND DCM JULY 27 TO DISCUSS FURTHER DEMARCHES TO UAEG ON KOREAN ISSUE PRIOR TO COLUMBO SUMMIT. OKAKA RECITED HIS GUIDANCE TO SUPPORT INITIATIVE PUT FORWARD BY SECRETARY IN SEATTLE SPEECH POINT BY POINT. IN SHORT, HE HAS CLEARLY GOTTEN THE WORD FROM TOKYO AS PER REFS A AND C.

2. WEAKNESS OF JAPANESE PERFORMANCE HERE ON ISSUE AS DESCRIBED REF B WAS REINFORCED, HOWEVER, BY ODAKA'S DISCUSSION OF HOW HE PLANNED PROCEED. HE GAVE NO INDICATION OF HAVING SEEN ANYONE RECENTLY ON SUBJECT, AND HE AGREED WITH OUR ASSESSMENT THAT MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GHUBBASH UNLIKELY BE CONVERTED ON KOREAN ISSUE. HOWEVER, HE STILL HOPED TO SEE GHUBBASH AGAIN AND IF THAT NOT POSSIBLE, SAID HE PLANNED APPROACH
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ACTING UNDER SECRETARY MFA, THIS DESPITE FACT THAT HE

DID NOT DISPUTE AMBASSADOR'S ASSESSMENT THAT ACTING UNDERSEC TOTALLY WITHOUT INFLUENCE.

3. AMBASSADOR OUTLINED SERIES OF CALLS HE HAD MADE RECENTLY ON SUBJECT REF B AS WELL AS SERIES OF TRIES WITH GHUBBASH. AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT WHATEVER GOOD THESE EFFORTS MIGHT HAVE DONE, ONLY PLACE TO GO NOW WAS TO FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI HIMSELF. AMBASSADOR SAID IN HIS VIEW ANYTHING ELSE WAS WASTE OF TIME. HE TOLD ODAKA THAT WE WOULD BE SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH SUWAIDI (HE IS DUE BACK MOMENTARILY AND WE HAD PUT IN REQUEST) TO COVER SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON KOREA AND RELATED POINTS AND STRONGLY URGED ODAKA TO DO LIKEWISE. AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED BY SAYING IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF OUR TWO MISSIONS COULD EXCHANGE REPORTS ON RESULTS OF SUCH CONVERSATIONS.

4. COMMENT: WHETHER ODAKA WILL ACTUALLY TRY TO MAKE APPROACH TO SUWAIDI REMAINS TO BE SEEN. UNFORTUNATELY, BOTH BRITISH AND FRG AMBASSADORS, OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP HERE, ARE ON EXTENDED SUMMER LEAVE, SO FRIENDLY FORCES ARE DIMINISHED IN ANY CASE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, TRY TO KEEP PRESSURE ON JAPANESE TO JOIN US IN MAKING BEST EFFORT POSSIBLE.
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